

Old Town Historical Committee

April 13, 2009

Monday

5:30 PM

Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Also, In attendance was Mr. Ipoliti (Historical Society), Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Mr. Peoples (Public Works), Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the minutes of the March 9th, 2009 meeting was put forth by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry and seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
NAYS: Motion carried.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that there are no updates to give at this time.

New Items for Discussion

Mr. Jarvis moved to change the order of the new Items for Discussion; seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
NAYS: Motion carried.

09-02 Downtown Parking

Ms. Coleen Weiser, owner of Fitness Firm at 19 E Waterloo Street, stated that she has been born and raised in Canal Winchester and she is pleased to have a business located in her home town. She stated that there are signs posted for 2 hour parking. She realizes that most people want to park in front of the business to which they are visiting, but has documented cars parking for 2 hours or more and then moving up one space and staying up to another 8 hours. She has seen four or five vehicles that use those spaces on East Waterloo all day almost everyday. She would like to have the town's help in enforcing private property. She looks at her property as her back yard and there are people that do not respect that. She needs help with enforcing private property. Her lot is the only way to get to the area behind Shaw's Jewelers; therefore people use it as a road.

Marci Harvey, of Miss Marci's Sweet Treats at 9 S. High Street, stated that there are people parking on High Street all day every day as well. If it is a safety issue, people should be able to park close at 7am until 9am then they should have to move and adhere to the 2 hour limit. It is employees of neighboring businesses that are the most frequent offenders. She's requesting enforcement of the 2 hour limit. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ebert stated that the parking lot in the rear of Shades will be resurfaced and re-stripped by July or August. That will gain 12-15 spots and should help. Then, enforcement will go into place and that should help to ease this issue.

09-01 Trevcor Property

Mr. Jarvis stated that Planning and Zoning will be hearing a request tonight on variances regarding that property. This is the first new construction project in the Old Town Overlay District that is subject to the Preservation Guidelines. The guidelines regarding new construction are quite vague and leave a lot of room for loose interpretation. Mr. Jarvis is asking what we are going to do and what we can do to make sure that the infill projects do adhere to the character of the Village. Can we go back to Landmarks and request a little tighter language?

For this project specifically, Landmarks committee will be present at the hearing in order to have a say, but Mr. Jarvis is asking if the process can be revamped to include Landmarks to have more of a say in the architectural details of new construction. Mr. Strayer stated that too strict of guidelines can result in cookie-cutter construction. It can limit the "thinking outside of the box" architecture. Further discussion ensued. No resolution was reached and it will go onto next month's agenda.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

Mr. Deeds moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**

NAYS:
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm